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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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The cited reference is listed in a European Search Report for the European application corresponding to the present application. A copy of the search report dated February 4, 2004 is included with this submission.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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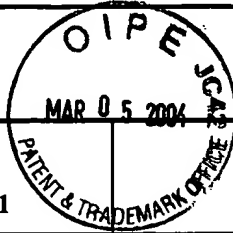
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